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SUBJECT: VISIT TO EAST BERLIN OF MAX FRIEDERSDORF, PRESIDENTIAL  
ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

1. THE BRIEF VISIT TO EAST BERLIN OF MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
ENABLED THE EMBASSY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF  
WHITE HOUSE-CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS AND THE GENERAL SCENE  
IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS TO EXPOSE HIM TO TWO FAIRLY SENIOR  
OFFICIALS OF GDR MFA.

2. IN SESSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY CHIEFS OF  
SECTION, MR. FRIEDERSDORF WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE  
NEW EMBASSY, AS WELL AS OF US-GDR RELATIONS.

3. DURING A SMALL LUNCH HOSTED BY THE DCM, MR. FRIEDERSDORF  
WAS ABLE TO TALK IN SOME DETAIL WITH DR. HANS-MARTIN GEYER,  
HEAD OF THE USA-CANADA-JAPAN SECTION OF MFA AND WITH  
EKKEHARD RIECHEL, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE MFA PRESS SECTION.  
IN A FREE GIVE-AND-TAKE CONVERSATION, MR. FRIEDERSDORF  
ANSWERED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT CONGRESS, AS WELL AS  
THE "BALANCE OF POWERS" SYSTEM IN GENERAL. DR. GEYER, WHO  
REVEALED AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE US CONGRESS AND  
ITS MEMBERS, WAS COMPLIMENTED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE BY MR.

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FRIEDERSDORF AND RESPONDED, "WELL, I HAD FOURTEEN

YEARS TO READ UP ON IT \*", AND OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO HIS LONG TIME AS HEAD OF US AFFAIRS IN THE MFA BEFORE DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED.

4. DR. GEYER STATED THAT CODEL VISITS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE GDR AND REQUESTED THAT, WHEN SUCH VIITS TOOK PLACE IN THE FUTURE, AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE BE GIVEN AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE PROPER SCHEDULING AND RECEPTION.

5. THE INFORMAL CONVERSATION AT LUNCH HAD THE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING EMBASSY OFFICERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MFA, NOTABLY THOSE DEALING WITH THE PRESS, AS WELL AS TO PURSUE THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO ARCHIVES FOR US SCHOLARS.  
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